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Sir

This communication is submitted with the above referenced application (hereinafter "subject application"), which is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No.10/145,471, file May 14, 2002 (hereinafter the "parent application"), which is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/723,899 filed November 28, 2000, (hereinafter the "grandparent application"), which is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/199,661, filed November 25, 1998, (hereinafter the " great grandparent application") and issued as United States Patent No. 6,301,854.

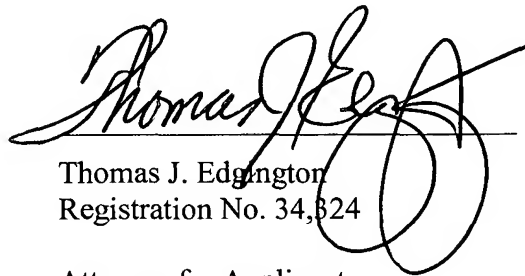
The subject application is filed with a new specification, under Tab A, and with a letter to the draftsperson with substitute drawings, under Tab B. The substitute drawings are copies of the formal drawings approved in the examination of the parent and grandparent applications. The new specification includes amendments approved in the examination of the patent and grandparent applications and other minor corrections of typographical nature. It also includes a

new Abstract and a new set of claims, all in accordance with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Pre-Grant Publication Helpful Hint of September 12, 2001, as modified on January 2, 2002.

No matter is included in the new specification and substitute formal drawings that would have been new matter in the parent application. A marked version of the specification as amended (excluding the claims and Abstract) is enclosed, under Tab C.

An Information Disclosure Statement that cites all the art that is of record in the parent and the grandparent applications is enclosed, under Tab D. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d), copies of the cited documents are not submitted herewith. Applicant would be pleased to supply additional copies of the cited document's at the Examiner's request.

Respectfully submitted,

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